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"These significant funds will allow North Mississippi to implement important, ready-to-go transportation projects that will create and save jobs and give much-needed business to contractors and construction companies in the First District," said Congressman Travis Childers. "The Recovery Act's investments in North Mississippi infrastructure are further evidence of the legislation's immediate steps to put people back to work quickly and get our economy moving in a new direction."

The following is a district-wide list of funded projects:

County

Project

Total Estimated Cost

Amount of Recovery Funds

Desoto

Desoto

County

Rest Area - Site Improvements- I-

\$650,000

\$500,000

Itawamba

US

78 From East end of the Tenn-Tom Bridge to the Alabama Stateline

\$4,140,000

\$4,140,000

Lee

US 78: Upgrade to interstate standards McCullough Blvd @ Belden to US 45

\$2,800,000

\$2,800,000

Lowndes

US 45 From 4 Miles South of the US 82 to US 82

\$21,000,000

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Panola

Benson-Herron Road

\$453,000

\$453,000

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Mt. Level Road

\$804,700

\$804,700

Tishomingo

County Road 306

\$348,800

\$232,100

Winston

Ellison Ridge Road

\$525,000

\$525,000

MDOT's \$193.5 million will go towards the \$415.3 million in infrastructure investments that the Recovery Act will provide the department over the next two years. Those investments include:

- \$28 billion to modernize roads and bridges, creating and saving an estimated 150,000 jobs by the end of 2010. States are required to obligate at least half of this funding within 120 days. States have more than 6,100 projects totaling more than \$64 billion that could be under contract within 180 days.
- \$19 billion in funds for clean water, flood control, and environmental restoration that will create hundreds of thousands of jobs. There are currently \$16 billion in water projects that could be quickly obligated.
- \$8.4 billion for investments in transit. States have 787 ready-to-go transit projects totaling about \$16 billion.

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